

To Nancy Rummell Sept 20, 2008

I am a student at Lahaina
Intermediate School. We had
a fire last week near the
school. We ~~need~~ to use
all our water - not throw
it down sewer wells.

Please come to Maui
and ^{listen} ~~talk~~ to us about our ^{waste} water.

Your friend
Roe Perez

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Maui police investigating fire by Lahaina school

LAHAINA - A brush fire burned about a quarter acre near Princess Nahienaena Elementary and Lahaina Intermediate Schools on Thursday, The Maui News reported today

She said the fire was a "real threat" to an MEO preschool, with flames approaching within 30 feet of the intermediate school cafeteria and several portable classrooms.

The fire came within 10 feet of a building on the elementary school campus, fire officials said.

The fire broke out around 2:10 p.m. Thursday, according to fire officials, just after students were released for the day.

Koyama said a crew with Goodfellow Bros. working on a sewage line on Lahainaluna Road "zoomed over" with their water tanker and put themselves between the preschool and the fire. She said Goodfellow equipment operators also cut a firebreak between the intermediate school and the fire.

Faculty from the school used garden hoses to wet down areas near their schools before fire crews arrived, while others were keeping students away from the fire.

Trade winds pick up; fire threat increases

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KAHULUI - The return of the trade winds should temper the temperature extremes that occurred around the state over the weekend, but it will be increasing the wildfire threat, Maui weather analyst Glenn James said Tuesday.

Even as a brush fire broke out at Pulehu on Tuesday a fire-weather watch was issued giving notice of an increased fire hazard.

"The National Weather Service issued a watch, which means we all have to be very, very careful about not lighting any fires right now," he said.

A National Weather Service forecast notice said a fire-weather red-flag warning is based on the strength of the winds, a high drought index and relative humidity below 45 percent. The winds and drought index already are at levels to warrant a warning, and if the humidity falls, a fire warning could be issued later this week.

Cloud cover and showers eased the drought conditions in Maui County on Sunday.